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(54) Title: REVERSAL OF INSULIN-DEPENDENT DIABETES BY ISLET-PRODUCING STEM CELLS, ISLET PROGENITOR CELLS AND ISLET-LIKE STRUCTURES

(57) Abstract: The subject invention concerns new methods which make it possible, for the first time, to grow functional islet-producing stem cells (IPSCs), islet progenitor cells (IPCs) and IPC-derived islets (IdIs) in *in vitro* cultures. The subject invention also concerns the use of the *in vitro* grown IPSCs, IPCs and/or IdIs for implantation into a mammal for *in vivo* therapy of diabetes. The subject invention further concerns a process of using the implanted cells for growing a pancreas-like structure *in vivo* that has the same functional, morphological and histological characteristics as those observed in normal pancreatic endocrine tissue. The ability to grow these cells *in vitro* and pancreas-like structures *in vivo* opens up important new avenues for research and therapy relating to diabetes.

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International application No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : C12N 5/00
US CL : 435/325, 377

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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U.S. : 435/325, 377

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 5,834,308 A (PECK et al) 10 November 1998, see entire document.	1-45
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:***

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-55 _____ as originally filed
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the claims:
pages 56-61 _____, as originally filed
pages NONE _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 1-19 _____, as originally filed
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- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
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- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

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- ☐ the description, pages NONE
- ☐ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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International application No.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-45 YES
Claims NONE NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims 1-45 YES
Claims NONE NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-45 YES
Claims NONE NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-45 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method of growing IPSCs, IPCs and Idls wherein the cells produced are effective to treat pancreatic diseases.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----